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LETTER DATED 17 NOVEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of fresh violations of the cease-fire provisions by the Iranian side during the period 13 October to 13 November 1992.

1. At 2210 hours on 13 October 1992, two Iranian boats - each carrying five individuals armed with light weapons and PKS machine-guns - approached Iraqi units at coordinates 550540 (Majnun North) and opened fire on the forward Iraqi units before withdrawing to the Iranian rear.

2. At 0810 hours on 14 October 1992, four Iranian soldiers were observed strengthening the Iranian post at coordinates 033938 in front of the Tayyib control post inside the area of separation.

3. At 1130 hours on 14 October 1992, the Iranian side built a monitoring post of reinforced concrete with two columns on the abandoned mounds at coordinates 044864 in front of the Kani Sakht control post inside the area of separation.

4. At 0645 hours on 15 October 1992, two Iranian soldiers were observed using pickaxes and shovels to strengthen the Iranian post at coordinates 033937 in front of the Tayyib control post inside the area of separation.

5. At 1600 hours on 18 October 1992, an Iranian fighter aircraft violated Iraqi airspace north of the Mandali area. Flying at 900 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 7,500 metres, it penetrated between five and seven kilometres into Iraqi airspace.

6. At 0830 hours on 21 October 1992, nine Iranian flags were observed at coordinates 518529 and 514501 inside the area of separation.

7. At 1730 hours on 22 October 1992, a white pick-up vehicle belonging to the Iranian side was observed moving from the Karbulah control post. Eight

armed military personnel disembarked from the vehicle with a quantity of corrugated iron and dug positions on the hills in front of the control post at coordinates 417112 inside the area of separation.

8. At 1630 hours on 23 October 1992, two small boats (punts) belonging to the Iranian side - each carrying three individuals - approached the Ujayrdah spit opposite Iraqi units, the first at coordinates 513628 and the second at 513635.

9. At 1300 hours on 24 October 1992, four individuals from the Iranian side wearing military uniform were observed laying mines in front of the Iranian post at coordinates 904096 inside the area of separation.

10. At 1338 hours on 24 October 1992, an Iranian fighter aircraft entered Iraqi airspace over Al-Faw and flew in the direction of Ras al-Bishah, Khawr Abd Allah and Umm Qasr at an altitude of 7,000 metres and a speed of 700 to 900 kilometres per hour.

11. At 0730 hours on 30 October 1992, three Iranian soldiers were observed fortifying the Iranian post at coordinates 850080 in front of the Jalat control post inside the area of separation.

12. At 0930 hours on 3 November 1992, an Iranian helicopter was observed coming from the Iranian rear and flying over the Sumar area before returning to the Iranian rear.

13. At 0950 hours on 3 November 1992, an Iranian helicopter was observed flying over the town of Qasr-e-Shirin before returning to the Iranian rear.

14. At 0945 hours on 4 November 1992, five Iranian vehicles were observed transporting concrete blocks from Mehran. The vehicles stopped at coordinates 095684, where 19 individuals wearing civilian clothes, including three military personnel, disembarked and set up a concrete monitoring post inside the area of separation.

15. At 1450 hours on 4 November 1992, an Iranian boat carrying six military personnel was observed at coordinates 551547 inside the area of separation. The individuals photographed the positions of Iraqi units.

16. At 1330 hours on 6 November 1992, an Iranian helicopter was observed in front of the Zayn al-Qaws slope, flying from the Iranian rear towards Qasr-e-Shirin.

17. At 0815 hours on 9 November 1992, six individuals from the Iranian side were observed fortifying the Iranian positions at coordinates 512512 inside the area of separation.

18. At 0700 hours on 10 November 1992, three individuals from the Iranian side were observed carrying out maintenance work on the communications line at coordinates 033937 in front of the Tayyib control post inside the area of separation.

19. At 0800 hours on 12 November 1992, a group of individuals from the Iranian side was observed fortifying Iranian positions at coordinates 517506 in front of the Fakkah control post inside the area of separation.

20. At 2025 hours on 12 November 1992, the individuals manning the Iranian post at coordinates 558540 directed between 15 and 20 rounds of light arms fire at Iraqi units over a period of two minutes.

21. At 0925 hours on 13 November 1992, three Iranian helicopters were observed coming from the Iranian rear and landing at the town of Mehran. After five minutes, the helicopters took off from Mehran and headed for the Iranian control post at coordinates 130725, landing 500 metres from the post. A number of individuals disembarked, and the helicopters then took off in the direction of Mehran, where they landed. At 1135 hours, the helicopters took off and returned to the Iranian rear.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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